

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

### *Claims 1-8. (Canceled)*

9. (New)      A container suspending device comprising:

a container suspending base plate, fabricated by pulp molding, having circular openings and lock pieces extending inwardly from an inner peripheral edge of each of said circular openings, with a diameter of said each of said circular openings being such that a head part of a corresponding one of containers to be suspended by said container suspending base plate can pass through said each of said circular openings, and with a diameter of a virtual circle formed by interconnecting tips of said lock pieces being smaller than a diameter of a lock part formed around the head part of the corresponding one of the containers; and

a top plate, fabricated by pulp molding separately from said container suspending base plate, bonded on an upper side of said container suspending base plate, said top plate having cap-shaped fitting parts to cover the head parts of the containers when suspended by said container suspending plate.

10. (New)      The container suspending device according to claim 9, wherein said lock pieces horizontally extend inwardly from said inner peripheral edge of said each of said circular openings.

11. (New)      The container suspending device according to claim 10, wherein said top plate includes at least one of a water-resistant finish and a water-repellent finish.

12. (New)      The container suspending device according to claim 11, wherein said container suspending base plate includes at least one of a water-resistant finish and a water-repellent finish.

13. (New) The container suspending device according to claim 10, wherein said container suspending base plate includes at least one of a water-resistant finish and a water-repellent finish.

14. (New) The container suspending device according to claim 9, wherein said lock pieces rise aslant from said inner peripheral edge of said each of said circular openings.

15. (New) The container suspending device according to claim 14, wherein said container suspending base plate includes at least one of a water-resistant finish and a water-repellent finish.

16. (New) The container suspending device according to claim 15, wherein said top plate includes at least one of a water-resistant finish and a water-repellent finish.

17. (New) The container suspending device according to claim 14, wherein said top plate includes at least one of a water-resistant finish and a water-repellent finish.

18. (New) The container suspending device according to claim 9, wherein said container suspending base plate includes at least one of a water-resistant finish and a water-repellent finish.

19. (New) The container suspending device according to claim 9, wherein said top plate includes at least one of a water-resistant finish and a water-repellent finish.